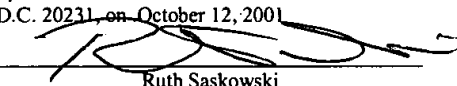


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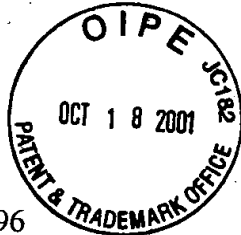
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed 12 April 2001, time for response which was set to expire 12 July 2001. A Petition for an Extension of Time of three months until 12 October 2001 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 1-3, 22 and 23 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the above amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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